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LB 906, 938, 964, 972, 1028, 1041, 1047, 1048
1050A, 1072, 1073, 1122, 1123, 1322
LR 364

question before you is the advancement of LB 1050A. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. LB 1050A advances. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, some items very quickly. Senator Witek, strike that. Amendments to be printed, Senator Beutler to 1322; bills to the Governor, bills have been presented to the Governor that were read on Final Reading this morning (re. LB 906, LB 938, LB 1041, LB 1047, LB 1048, LB 1072, LB 1073, LB 1122, LB 1123, LB 972, and LB 1028); LR 364, introduced by Senator Wickersham, asking the Legislature to recognize the Mari Sandoz Centennial Year in Nebraska; and I have a series of reports that have been received by the Clerk's Office that will be on file in the Clerk's Office available for member review. (See pages 1453-54 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, LB 964. The bill has been discussed on Select File. Amendments have been adopted. The first amendment I have this morning is by Senator Witek. Senator, I have AM3605 in front of me that's printed on page 1092.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Witek to open on her motion.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. The amendment that I have before you today, AM 3605, is intended to address fraud situations. We discussed some of the possibilities of those situations occurring with the mail-in ballot and my amendment would address a portion of my concerns. We currently have statutes that prohibit election fraud in absentee ballots, but we don't have anything in statute on fraud situations concerning mail-in ballots because this new process is just evolving with 964. My amendment would mirror image the statute that we have, at this time, on the absentee ballots. It would prohibit voter fraud and ballot tampering...if we prohibit the voter fraud and ballot tampering for absentee ballots, then we should do that same thing for mail-in ballots, the fairness issue. And if you read over the amendment, it is the exact language used that we already have in statute. We're not changing anything. We're just making it applicable to the mail-in balloting situation and I'd ask for your support of this amendment this morning. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Mr. Clerk.